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NEW ACHIEVEMENTS IN MACHINE-BUILDING INDUSTRY**"ELEKTRIT" PLANT INCREASES EFFICIENCY** -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 37, 15 Feb 49

Workers of the "Elektrit" Plant pledged to step up production in honor of the Seventh Congress of the KP(b) Lithuania. They promised to complete the first quarter program by 15 March, to reduce costs of production 2 percent, to increase labor productivity 15 percent, and to put into effect not less than 25 suggestions for improvement.

The Congress opened on 15 February and on that day the workers reported their progress as follows: February program almost completed, production costs reduced 5 percent, labor productivity increased 25 percent, and ten suggestions that will bring about a saving of nearly 350,000 rubles per year carried out.

ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY SUPPLIES TRACTOR-REPAIR PARTS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 31, 14 Feb 49

Enterprises of the Ministry of Electrical Industry USSR have rendered great assistance in the repair of tractors. Thirty-one thousand accelerators, 70,000 contact screws, more than one million meters of electric wiring and other materials have been dispatched to Georgia, Azerbaydzhan, Kirgiz, Crimea, and other southern regions of the country.

MOSCOW PLANT PRODUCES ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEM -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 54, 6 Mar 49

The "Energodetal'" Plant in Moscow has produced the first electronic control system devised by the All-Union Thermotechnical Institute imeni Dzerzhinskiy. The new automatic control system is intended to maintain a constant temperature, regulate water and gas consumption, and other production processes.

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FIRST SOVIET-MADE AUTOMATIC LETTER PRESS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 36, 13 Feb 49

The Shcherbakov Polygraphic Plant announced that it is speeding the production of the first Soviet-made, automatic letter presses. Workers of the plant have pledged to produce 3 linotypes and 10 turning lathes by 24 February; 2 linotypes and 8 turning lathes have already been made.

MACHINE-TOOL PLANT STEPS UP PRODUCTION -- Zarya Vostoka, No 30, 12 Feb 49

The Tbilisi Machine-Tool Plant imeni S. M. Kirov has stepped up production for 1949. The production cycle of working capital was 257 days in 1946, 208 days in 1947, and 205 days in 1948. It is the aim of the plant to reduce this figure to 190 days in 1949 and to release 1,400,000 rubles.

Formerly it took 1,200-1,400 hours to construct each DIP-300 machine. Each machine now requires 900 hours but plant workers have assumed the obligation to reduce this figure to 300 hours.

KHABAROVSK KOMSOMOLS STEP UP PERFORMANCE -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 37, 15 Feb 49

Komsomols employed in Khabarovsk plants are striving to increase production in honor of the 11th Komsomol Congress. Komsomols in the Plants imeni Kirov and Gor'kiy have assumed the obligation to complete their half-year quota ahead of schedule. Workers in the Plant imeni Molotov will produce ten engines above the plan by the opening of the Congress.

MINSK TOOL PLANT EMPLOYS ASSEMBLY-LINE METHOD -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 30, 12 Feb 49

The Minsk Tool Plant (director, Kuznetsov) has worked extensively since the beginning of 1949 towards introducing assembly-line production. Two new shops have been established in this connection, the sectional and disk-cutter shop and the precision-tool shop. The first shop will work on an assembly line. The entire large second story of the plant building has already been made ready for the assembly line.

TIRASPOL' MACHINERY PLANT RECONSTRUCTED -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 30, 12 Feb 49

The Tiraspol' Machinery Plant started its reconstruction immediately after the expulsion of the German invaders. During 3 years of the postwar plan its shops delivered to the country 11 million rubles worth of production.

The casting shop of the plant has been restored. The construction of a new mechanized assembly shop is being completed. More than 100 machine tools and multipurpose machines will operate in it. During 1949 production will exceed the prewar level, twofold.

Workers of the plant completed the 1948 plan ahead of schedule and nearly one million rubles of profit were delivered to the State. The level of production planned for 1949 was reached in 1948.

PRODUCTION OF AUTOMATIC LOOMS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 37, 15 Feb 49

The Klimovsk Textile Machine-Building Plant has started the production of automatic looms for weaving woolen cloth. The domestic machine differs from the imported one in that it is able to function in three different positions, resulting in considerably faster operations.

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UZBEK PLANT PLEDGES INCREASED PRODUCTION -- *Stalinskoye Znamya*, No 23, 4 Feb 49

The "Strommashina" (construction machinery) Plant in Andizhan Oblast has pledged to speed the turnover of working capital by 12 days in 1949 and release 800,000 rubles for the State. These goals will be achieved by converting chief diesel parts to assembly-line production, by a more efficient utilization of materials and tools, and by increasing production output for each ruble of working capital.

ARMENIAN MACHINERY PLANT CELEBRATES -- *Kommunist*, No 37, 15 Feb 49

Leminakan Machinery Plant, which produces saw frames, pumps, and beds, has just celebrated its 25th anniversary.

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